

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on February 21, 2003 at 3:28 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 22, 2/21/2003; SJ 19, 2/21/2003
SB 366, 2/21/2003; SB 410,
2/21/2003,
Executive Action: SJ 22, SJ 19, SB 410

HEARING ON SJR 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DAN MCGEE, SD 11, Laurel, presented a Committee Bill regarding SJR 22; resolution on drilling in the arctic wildlife refuge and alternative fuels.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:33pm Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, #233 **EXHIBIT(nas39a01)**
3:37pm Jerry Driscoll, MT AFL-CIO
3:38pm J.D. Lynch, MT. State Building Trade

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:39pm Begin
3:40pm End
1 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

3:40pm SEN. MCGEE closed on SJR 22.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 22

3:41pm **Motion:** Motion by SEN. MCGEE SJR 22 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: Motion by SEN. GLENN ROUSH to adopt AMENDMENT 401027SC.sjo. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

3:42pm Begin
3:45pm End
3 min Elapsed time

Motion/Vote: SEN. MCGEE moved SJR 22 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

3:45pm Begin

Vote: Motion SJR 22 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 10-2 with SENATORS ELLINGSON and TOOLE voting no.

HEARING ON SJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. AUBYN CURTISS, SD 41, Fortine, presented SJ 19 to the committee; "Urge multiple use and sustained yield for forests." **EXHIBIT (nas39a02)**

Proponents' Testimony:

3:50pm Ellen Engstedt, MT. Wood Products
3:51pm Doug Abelin, MT. Trail Vehicle Rider's Assoc. (MTVRA)
3:52pm Julie Altemus, MT Logging Association

Opponents' Testimony:

3:53pm Mike Barrett, representing himself **EXHIBIT (nas39a03)**
Janet Ellis, MT. Audubon Society, submitted written testimony opposing SJ 19.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:56pm Begin
3:19pm End
37 min Elapsed time

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 19

Motion/Vote: SEN. SHERM ANDERSON moved SJ 19 DO PASS. Motion carried 9-3 with SENATORS ELLINGSON, ANDERSON and TOOLE voting no.

Discussion:

4:20pm Begin
4:27pm End
7 min Elapsed time

HEARING ON SB 366

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DUANE GRIMES, SD 20, Clancy, opened on SB 366; "To revise metal mine reclamation laws with a proposed amendment." **EXHIBIT (nas39a04)**

Proponents' Testimony:

4:38pm Doug Bailey, Manager, Golden Sunlight Mine
4:43pm Angela Janacaro, MT Mining Association
4:47pm Charles Buus, representing Luzenal

Opponents' Testimony:

4:50pm Jeff Barber, MT. Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

4:55pm Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

4:55pm Sherry Cargill, Jefferson County Commissioner
EXHIBIT (nas39a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:55pm Begin
5:11pm End
16 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:12pm **SEN. GRIMES** closed on SB 366.

HEARING ON SB 410

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, SD 37, Proctor,**
opened on SB 366 "Regarding bonding requirements for certain
litigation". He presented **AMENDMENT SB041001.agp**
EXHIBIT (nas39a06) .

Proponents' Testimony:

5:29pm Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
(WETA)
5:33pm Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association
5:34pm Gail Abercrombie, MT. Petroleum Association
5:35pm Angela Janacaro, MT. Mining Association

Opponents' Testimony:

5:35pm Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)
5:53pm Julia Page, member, Northern Plains Resource Council
(NPRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

5:46pm Begin
6:23pm End
37 min Elapsed time

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 410

Motion: SEN. DAN MCGEE moved to adopt AMENDMENT SB041001.agp.

Discussion:

6:26pm Begin
6:35pm End
9 min Elapsed time

Vote: Motion by SEN. MCGEE SB 410 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 10-2 with SENATORS ELLINGSON and TOOLE voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:25 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas39aad)